

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An information processing device for displaying an electronic programming guide, comprising:

a display controller;

a display being operable to have displayed thereon in response to a control signal from said display controller a cursor and representations of programs for a plurality of channels having a plural number of past programs each of whose broadcast time is prior to a present time, a plural number of present programs each of whose broadcast time contains said present time, and a plural number of future programs each of whose broadcast time is subsequent to said present time, said representation of each of said plural number of past programs currently in the display being in a first color, said representation of each of said plural number of present programs currently in the display being in a second color different from said first color, and said representation of each of said plural number of future programs currently in the display being in a third color different from said first and second colors, in which the cursor is movable to a representation of a desired program; and

means for enabling a user to select a program for programming a recording of the program or for watching or listening to the program,

in which the representations of the programs are displayable on a first portion of the display and in which information of a respective program at which the cursor is located is displayable on a second portion of the display which is different from the first portion, and

in which a respective representation of a respective program is displayable in a fourth color which is different from

said first, second, and third colors when the cursor is located thereat and prior to a selection of the respective program by the means for enabling.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, in which the enabling means enables the user to place said cursor on a respective representation of a desired program and to select the same.

4. (original) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first, second and third colors are set according to the user's favorite colors.

5. (original) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said display always includes a latest electronic program guide containing said present time.

6. (currently amended) A method for controlling the display of an electronic program guide representing programs for a plurality of channels, comprising the steps of:

displaying on a current display screen in a first color a representation of each of a plural number of past programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time is prior to a present time;

displaying on the current display screen in a second color different from said first color a representation of each of a plural number of present programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time contains said present time;

displaying on the current display screen in a third color a representation of each of a plural number of future programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time is

subsequent to said present time, said third color being different from said first and second colors;

displaying a cursor on a representation of a desired program on the current display screen; and

selecting a program for programming a recording of the program or for watching or listening to the program,

in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on a first portion of the display screen and in which information of a respective program at which the cursor is located is displayable on a second portion of the display screen which is different from the first portion, and

in which a respective representation of a respective program is displayable in a fourth color which is different from said first, second, and third colors when the cursor is located thereat and prior to a selection of the respective program by the means for enabling the selecting step.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said selecting step includes locating the cursor on a representation of a desired program and selecting the same.

9. (original) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said first, second and third colors are set according to a user's favorite colors.

10. (original) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said displaying steps display said electronic program guide so that a latest electronic program guide containing said present time is displayed at all times.

11. (currently amended) A recording medium recorded with a computer-readable program for controlling the display of an electronic program guide representing programs for a plurality of channels, the program comprising the steps of:

displaying on a current display screen in a first color a representation of each of a plural number of past programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time is prior to a present time;

displaying on a current display screen in a second color different from said first color a representation of each of a plural number of present programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time contains said present time;

displaying on a current display screen in a third color a representation of each of a plural number of future programs of the plurality of channels whose broadcast time is subsequent to said present time, said third color being different from said first and second colors;

displaying a cursor on a representation of a desired program on the current display screen; and

selecting a program for programming a recording of the program or for watching or listening to the program,

in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on a first portion of the display screen and in which information of a respective program at which the cursor is located is displayable on a second portion of the display screen which is different from the first portion, and

in which a respective representation of a respective program is displayable in a fourth color which is different from said first, second, and third colors when the cursor is located thereat and prior to a selection of the respective program by the means for enabling selecting step.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said selecting step includes locating the cursor on a representation of a desired program and selecting the same.

14. (original) The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said first, second and third colors are set according to a user's favorite colors.

15. (original) The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said displaying steps display said electronic program guide so that a latest electronic program guide containing said present time is displayed at all times.

16. (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on the display with respect to time and in which the representations are shifted after a predetermined period of time.

17. (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising means for displaying a message to the user that the desired program can not be selected when the desired program is a past program.

18. (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 17, in which the message is displayable only for a predetermined amount of time.

19. (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising means for displaying a content of the selected program when the selected program is a future program.

20. (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising means for switching to the selected program when the selected program is a present program.

21. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on the display with respect to time and in which the representations are shifted after a predetermined period of time.

22. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising displaying a message to the user that the desired program can not be selected when the desired program is a past program.

23. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 22, in which the message is displayable only for a predetermined amount of time.

24. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, further displaying a content of the selected program when the selected program is a future program.

25. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising switching to the selected program when the selected program is a present program.

26. (previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, in which the representations of the past, present, and future programs are displayable on the display with respect to time and in which the representations are shifted after a predetermined period of time.

27. (previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 12, further comprising displaying a message to the user that the desired program can not be selected when the desired program is a past program.

28. (previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 27, in which the message is displayable only for a predetermined amount of time.

29. (previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 12, further displaying a content of the selected program when the selected program is a future program.

30. (previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 12, further comprising switching to the selected program when the selected program is a present program.